

# BOOK BRIEFS

*Mark These Men*, Practical Studies in Striking Aspects of Certain Biblical Characters, by J. Sidlow Baxter. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1971. 192 pages. \$1.95 (paperback).

The popularity of these biographical studies is attested to by the fact that this is their eighth reprinting. Rich in preaching insight and popular in style, these expositions reflect careful study of the Scriptures.

*Highlights of the Book of Revelation*, by George R. Beasley-Murray. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1972. 86 pages. \$2.95.

The principal of Spurgeon's College, London, seeks to give the reader a brief yet comprehensive survey of the Book of Revelation. In so doing, he avoids extreme positions and saves the reader from getting lost in the details of imagery.

*The Fruit of the Spirit*, by John W. Sanderson. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1972. 128 pages. \$1.50 (paperback).

The author presents a useful group-study guide, with questions for discussion on a familiar passage in Galatians (5:22, 23). His purpose is to emphasize the Christian's responsibility in cultivating the fruit of the Spirit under the inspiration of the Spirit.

*The Expanded Life*, by Myron S. Augsburger. Nashville and New York: Abingdon, 1972. 127 pages. \$3.25.

The author takes the Beatitudes as amplified in the sermon on the Mount and relates them poignantly to our everyday lives. Here truth comes to life in the context of colorful word-pictures of the contemporary human scene. Here the true nature of Christian discipleship is emphasized.

*Jesus the Revolutionary*, by H. S. Vigeveno. Glendale (Ca.): Regal books, 1970. 199 pages. \$.95 (paperback).

A frank, forceful, exposition of the Jesus of the Bible, treating correctly aspects of the Person of Christ (Fourth printing).

*Facing the Issues*, Series 1 and 2, by W. J. Krutza and P. P. Diccico. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1969. 119 and 140 pages. \$1.25 each.

A world-church dialogue goes on in these two paperbacks. No longer need the world taunt the church with, "Speak to our times, speak to the issues we face." Here are stimulating presentations of topics such as: "Therapeutic Abortion: Right or Wrong?", "Do Heart Transplants Pose Theological Problems?", "What if Scientists Create Life?", and "Is It Right To Tax Churches?" Useful for discussion series.

*Points for Emphasis*, 1972-73, by Clifton J. Allen. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1972. 212 pages. (paperback)

This is a pocket commentary on the International Bible Lessons for 1972-73 (September-August). The writer introduces the Bible material, motivates purposeful study by suggesting the significance of the lesson for us today, and helps us understand the meaning of the passage in question. A helpful handbook for teacher and student, the book comes in two editions—large type and small type.

*Twice Upon a Time*, by Donald D. McCall. Chicago: Moody Press, 1971. 140 pages. \$3.95.

The author uses 25 of Aesop's fables to illustrate eternal truths. He couples these timeless stories with dramatic Biblical narratives and invests the whole with rich contemporary applications. A blend of originality and practicality.

*Studies in Problem Texts*, by J. Sidlow Baxter. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1971. 192 pages. \$1.95 (paperback).

This book comprises a short series of expositions of Scripture passages which have occasioned perplexity. Among them: "Rivers of Living Water" (John 7:37-9), "Must We Hate For Christ's Sake?" (Luke 14:26), "Total Abolition of War" (Isa. 9:5), and "The Unpardonable Sin" (Matt. 9:32). The author treats fifteen problem texts significant in the arena of modern thought.

*The Living God*, by R. T. France. London: Inter-Varsity Press, 1970. 128 pages. \$1.50 (paperback).

This is a book of Biblical Theology. The author, lecturer in Biblical Studies at the University of Ife, Nigeria, seeks to come to grips with the broad sweep of Biblical teaching about God. Instead of looking at "problems," he seeks to open our minds to a startling panorama of majesty. "The lesson of Job still needs to be learned."

*Sharing Groups in the Church*, by Robert C. Leslie. Nashville—New York: Abingdon, 1971. 221 pages. \$2.95 (paperback).

This book shows the need for greater personal involvement in the work of the church. Pastors are discovering new dimensions in ministry by developing group life among laymen. Here are specific guidelines, case studies, and other examples of structured activity of small groups.

*What Christ Thinks of the Church*, by John R. W. Stott. Downers Grove (Ill.): Inter-Varsity Press, 1972. 128 pages. \$1.50 (paperback).

In this new edition of the author's expositions of the second and third chapters of the Book of Revelation, the Christian is stirred to examine the life of the Church today in the light of Christ's letters to these seven Arian churches of the first century.